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SUBJECT: FY-76 IV NOMINATION: ATTY. IDE TILLAH

1. POST NOMINATES ATTY. IDE TILLAH, LEADING MUSLIN TECHNOCRAT IN MARCOS ADMINISTRATION FOR FULL 30-DAY IV GRANT TO BEGIN IN LATE MARCH. TILLAH IS SPECIAL ASSISTANT, TECHNICAL STAFF OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; CO-CHAIRMAN OF ISLAMIC DIRECTORATE (PHILS.); MEMBER OF CHURCH-MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE; OFFICER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSN.; IS EXPECTED TO PLAY IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE ROLE IF PARLIAMENT MATERIALIZES OR OTHERWISE CONTINUE SIGNIFICANT POLICY INPUT AS KEY GOVERNMENT TECHNOCRAT. TILLAH NEVER VISITED USA.

2. TILLAH BORN 11/12/33 IN SULU ARCHIPELAGO. WIFE IS PHYSICIAN. TILLAH EARNED AB AND LAW DEGREES AT UNIV. OF PHILIPPINES IN 1957 AND 1962; EARNED NATIONAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DEGREE FROM NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE IN 1974. TILLAH RECENTLY COMMISSIONED COMMANDER IN PHILNAVY. PREVIOUSLY MEMBER OF RULES COMMITTEE PHILIPPINE CONGRESS; BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND MEMBER OF PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE REVIEWING MUSLIM LAW. TILLAH IS VICE-PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES UNION (350,000 MEMBERS) AND MEMBER OF INTEGRATED BAR. PRESENT POSITION IN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT GIVES HIM CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS BETWEEN PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN MINDANAO. HAS PUBLISHED NUMEROUS ARTICLES ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ANTI-SMUGGLING, AND ROLE OF ISLAM IN PHILIPPINE
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CONTEXT. OVERSEAS TRAVEL EXPERIENCE LIMITED TO 2-WEEK TRIP IN

1974 TO THAILAND, SINGAPORE AND JOHORE BARU. FLUENT IN ENGLISH.

3. PROGRAM INTERESTS: TRIP OBJECTIVE TO ACQUAINT TILLAH WITH FEDERAL JUDICIARY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING CULTURAL MINORITIES (PARTICULARLY NAVAJOS, OTHER NATAMER. TRIBES), BOARDS OF PARDONS AND PAROLE; THE UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA; RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS INVOLVING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES OR VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS; AND THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE. TILLAH INTERESTED IN TROPICAL MARICULTURE INVOLVING SEaweeds AND LOBSTERS; SAN DIEGO LOBSTER FARMS AND NAVAL UNDERSEA CENTER PERTINENT THIS REGARD. TILLAH WILLING ADDRESS CAMPUS GROUPS AT CHICAGO OR CORNELL. AS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, TILLAH RESPONSIBLE FOR GAMING LAWS; MAY WISH CONSULT REGARDING STATE LOTTERIES, OTHER LEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITIES. SHOULD VISIT EAST-WEST CENTER TO EXAMINE CULTURAL PLURALISM, TROPICAL AGRICULTURE, AND TOURISM.

4. DETAILED BIODATA BEING AIRPOUCHED. FURTHER PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FORTHCOMING IF NOMINATION APPROVED. NAME CHECK RESULT SATISFACTORY.

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